

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

And now comes the thaw.

It is by no means certain that the Monday closing order will be changed.

Hats off to the groundhog as a prophet.

Hindenburgs latest April fool is that he will be in Paris by April.

Tartars are gaining the upper hand over the Russian Bolsheviks in Black seas ports.

Americans are holding the line at Toul and they have the tools to do it with.

Striker threw a bomb at the Kaiser's palace the other day but William wasn't at home.

A bread ration order has been issued for public eating places. The next step will be to include private families.

Royal A. Leese, a gunner's mate of Gettysburg, Pa., was lost overboard from an American submarine L-10, on Jan. 25.

Things are moving. The congression of American troops in France such that there is talk of sending 150,000 into British training camp for the finishing touches.

Much is being given out in Germany now about a big push to be started in France. As Germany never tells the truth, it would be well to watch Italy and the Balkans. Germany has no men to sacrifice uselessly.

The Louisville Times comes reduced in size and printed on the same yellow hued paper the rest of us have to use. But after all, it is not the paper itself but what is printed on it that makes it worth the money.

The report sent out that the two-inch snow in Hopkinsville on groundhog day was the "heaviest of the season," was misleading. What was probably meant was that the flakes were the biggest. But fortunately there were not many of them.

Dr. Arthur T. McCormack, of Bowling Green, accompanied by Mrs. McCormack, left for the Canal Zone this week, where Dr. McCormack has been appointed to a high position. Mrs. McCormack was formerly Miss Marie Tyler, of this city.

LaFollette, Stone and Chamberlain, having been disposed of as critics of the administration, Senator Hitchcock is the latest to enter the role as a knocker on the Secretary of War. Baker's reply to Chamberlain not only settled his past critics, but his future ones as well.

A negro prisoner was arraigned before Police Judge Hunter Wood and stood in the presence of the court with his hat on. "Take off your hat in court," sternly commanded the Judge. The prisoner quickly removed his hat and then began pulling off his coat, when Chief Roper stopped him with the demand, "What are you taking off your clothes for?" "Didn't the judge say for me to take off my hat and coat?" was the reply.

## FOLLOWING THE FLAG.

Arthur S. Reeder has reported for duty at Washington, where he will join the bureau of forestry's engineer corps and have a clerical position in the lumber branch of the bureau's work.

Fairleigh Ware, of Camp Wheeler, is home on a visit to his grandmother, Mrs. Anna Fairleigh.

Pettus Baker, a son of Bryant Baker, of this city, who has been in Detroit for a year or more, has joined the aviation section of the signal corps and is in camp at Columbus, Ohio. The young man is not yet 20 years of age. He is an expert electrician and camera man.

CALL MADE  
FOR 37 MEN

All White Men From New Class 1, Taken In Rotation.

100 HAVE BEEN SUMMONED

For Physical Examination As Preliminary Step, On Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The Christian County board has been ordered to furnish 37 men for Camp Taylor, all white men from the new Class 1, ignoring former selections on waiting list. There are only a few white men left from the former draft and these who are in Class 1 will be included. Nearly 100 negroes are ahead of the white men but these are to be passed over for the present.

There are about 400 in Class 1 in this county, but many are asking exemption for agricultural reasons and their cases are before the district board.

A list of 100 men to be summoned is now being made up. Out of these the contingent to complete the first draft quota of 324 men will be drawn in the order in which their numbers come, after the men are examined and found physically qualified.

## Ten Brothers to War.

Ten brothers, natives of Serbia, who left on the first lap of the trip to the allied battle front, were embraced and kissed by Gen. Mihailo Rasich of the Serbian war mission to the United States, at a down-town theater in Chicago.

The brothers, whose family name is Vojagic, with 190 other Serbian soldiers, were present at the theater to greet their countrymen.

MEN CALLED  
TO COLORS

Camp Zachary Taylor's Portion On Last Summon Is 6,284 Men.

The remaining 35 per cent. of the first quota of drafted men for the National army, a total of 6,284, will be called to the colors on February 23. It is thought that plans for the reception of the newcomers will go forward immediately.

Considerable interest has been manifested in the date set for the calling out of the remaining quota of selects. There is ample room at the cantonment for all drafted men, and now that the machinery for the men's reception is moving systematically, the outstanding quota of 6,284 men will be received into the camp confines with little or no trouble.

Fully two-thirds of the remaining 35 per cent. are believed to have taken advantage of the preferred service and joined the Aviation Corps, Red Cross hospital units, marines, engineers and their own State regiments. Most of the negroes subject to the call are with the outstanding quota. Only a small percentage of the negroes have enlisted. Unless the War Department deems otherwise the negroes will be quartered at Camp Zachary Taylor.

## Belated Report.

Two hundred and fourteen men and seven officers lost their lives when a British boarding steamer was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine in the Eastern Mediterranean, Jan. 21 according to an official announcement made in London.

## Buys Waldorf-Astoria

New York, Feb. 4.—T. Coleman du Pont, formerly of Louisville, has bought the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria in this city, one of the best-known hotels in the world, it was announced by George C. Boldt, the former owner.

## NEW YORK FOOD SCOUTS AID IN A TEST



Under the direction of the People's Institute, the Postgraduate hospital and the New York school lunch committee, 25 food scouts of New York, ranging in age from nine to twelve years, have been making a food test of importance to the entire nation. They are here shown at a test luncheon.

COUNTY AGENT  
NOT CHOSEN

Fiscal Court Postpones Action For County Day

\$3000 ASKED OF COURT

By a Committee from The H. B. M. A. And Agricultural Association.

The Fiscal court met Tuesday and heard a committee from the H. B. M. A. and Agricultural Association on the employment of an Agricultural Agent and canning agents.

A. H. Eckles, L. H. Davis, C. R. Clark, L. R. Davis, Rev. E. S. Smith, R. E. Cooper and Dr. S. H. Williams made talks urging the appropriation of \$3000, after hearing the committee the matter was put off until yesterday, when its further consideration was postponed until the first Tuesday in March, or to a called meeting if Judge Champlin thinks it advisable to meet sooner. The court is not unfavorable but was not just ready to act. A motion to appropriate \$400 at once for the canning agent was lost, that matter going over with the rest of the appropriation till March.

Esq. Davidson said Mrs. Jonas and Miss Means were giving demonstrations this week in the city and this work should not be hampered. In deciding a tie vote Judge Champlin said he thought the subject should be considered as a whole.

Johr R. Marquess resigned as a member of the road commission and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Walter Cox.

The salary of the janitor at the county jail was increased from \$35 to \$40 per month.

Claims amounting to nearly \$200 for sheep killed by dogs were approved and ordered certified to the state auditor for payment.

Miscellaneous claims amounting to about \$500 were allowed.

## SERVICE FLAG

Is To Be Formally Presented Next Sunday.

The service flag of the Baptist church, containing more than fifty names, will be presented next Sunday with a patriotic service. Dr. George Green, of Georgia, in charge of the Baptist work in Southern cantonments has agreed to be present if possible and deliver the principal address. An interesting program is being arranged.

BLUE MONDAYS  
WILL CONTINUE

Blizzards and Lowest Temperatures For Generation Leave Situation Critical.

TRAFFIC CUT 50 PER CENT

Transportation in New England Hopeless; New York Fears Harbor Freeze.

Washington, Feb. 6.—With the east facing the most acute coal shortage of the winter and in the grip of the coldest weather in a generation, the government decided Tuesday that the heatless Monday program cannot at this time be abandoned, as had been hoped.

The conclusion to continue the closing was reached at a conference between Fuel Administrator Garfield and Director General McAdoo, attended by a dozen state fuel administrators.

There had been every indication up to Monday night that the Monday holidays were over, but reports brought to Washington by the state fuel administrators that throughout most of the east there is on hand but one day's supply of coal, coupled with the weather situation, were accepted as convincing proof that the present is no time to lift the closing order.

There are some indications that if better weather does not come to improve the situation officials will take up for consideration an amendment to the closing order prescribing two four-day shutdowns, one covering the period of Lincoln's birthday anniversary and the other Washington's birthday.

Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, falls on Tuesday, bringing a three-day holiday over Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. If Saturday, usually observed as a half holiday, were made a complete holiday, this would give a four-day closing.

Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, on Friday, offers another opportunity to make Saturday a complete holiday and thus give another four-day closing period.

## Death At W. S. Hospital

Mrs. Erinda Boatwright, of Butler county, died at the Western State Hospital Monday of tuberculosis, aged 45 years. She was received at the institution about fourteen years ago. The remains were shipped to Bowling Green and from there they were taken to Butler county for interment.

Attorney Guy H. Briggs, of Louisville, slipped on his doorstep and broke his ankle.

GENERAL THAW  
TO THE FRONT

Warm Wind From South Brings Long Expected Change.

WORST OF WINTER OVER

Forecast For To-day Is Probably Rain or Snow.

A warm south wind Tuesday night started a thaw in the night with temperature rising to 40 degrees yesterday morning. A general thaw is predicted, the first in two months. The weather forecast for to-day is rain or snow.

The ice is slowly melting and the water cannot soak into the frozen grounds. It is making things sloppy but will not reach the worst stage until the ground thaws.

## January Snows Two Feet.

The snow in the river counties, particularly in Union, was much heavier than here. It was 28 inches on a level, 7 inches deeper than the big snow of Feb. 2, 1886; in this county, which was 21 inches deep. The first fall here was 11 inches and subsequent fall brought it up to 24 inches for the month.

## Doctor Frost-bitten

Dr. Z. T. Cunningham, a Princeton practitioner is in a serious condition as the result of having been frozen during the recent severe weather. The special says that when the temperature was below zero, the doctor made a long trip to the country to see a patient, and in doing so his feet and legs were frozen, also his face, and following these injuries a septic condition developed.

## Minister In Two Churches.

Rev. Roger L. Clark, formerly a minister of the Christian church at Mayfield has been called as pastor of the Baptist church at Humboldt, Tenn.

## GERMAN U-BOATS

Have Slain 14,120 Noncombatant British Citizens, Says Bonar Law.

London, Feb. 6.—German U-boats, according to a reply given by Andrew Bonar Law Government leader in the House of Commons, have done to death 14,120 noncombatant British men, women and children.

KRYLENKO  
CAPTURED

Bolshevik Leader In The Hands of His Enemies.

ACTIVITY AGAIN RESUMED

Americans Facing The Enemy Between Verdum and Switzerland.

The strike is under control in Germany but is not entirely over.

Conferences at Berlin Monday between the German emperor, crown prince, Bulgarian premier, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister and Turkish grand vizier indicate negotiations at Brest-Litovsk are either ended for the moment or are going forward without the presence of the chief Teutonic delegates.

The Tartar forces in Southern Russia are now operating against the Bolsheviks. They have already captured the town of Yalta and are fighting with the Red Guards, both soldiers and sailors, in an endeavor to reach Sebastopol. Russia's naval base on the Black Sea.

Polish rebels have Krylenko the captured Bolshevik leader, and his staff.

From the North Sea to Switzerland, military activity daily seems growing in intensity and it may be fair to assume in the not distant future that the big battles, which have been forecast, will break.

British, French and Americans all have taken a hack at German lines either by patrol attacks or bombardments.

## Teddy Under the Knife.

Col. Roosevelt was operated upon for abscess at Oyster Bay Tuesday and is doing well.

HOPKINSVILLE  
BOY GUNNER

On a Ship Destroyed By Torpedo and Fire--No Lives Were Lost.

In a letter to his father, D. W. Hanbery, Ruel Hanbery tells of the ship Albert Watts in the Mediterranean and its subsequent destruction by fire after reaching harbor. Ruel Hanbery was captain of the gun crew. He wrote from an Italian port under date of December 25.

"I write you a few lines to let you know I am at this place without my ship," the letter reads. "It was torpedoed on November 28, about forty miles from this place. However, we managed to tow her into port with a great hole in her side.

"The next day the Captain and I went ashore, and while there she caught fire and burned up. Being loaded with gasoline and benzene it was impossible to save anything. The crew jumped overboard and was saved, but all our belongings were destroyed. We are being cared for by the United States Consul at a hotel here."

Hanbery was placed in charge of the Albert Watts' gun crew when war began and he has made several trips across the ocean.

## Grange Meeting.

Church Hill Grange will hold an all-day-meeting at the Grange Hall next Friday, Feb. 8. A full attendance of the membership is desired and all newly elected officers are urged to be on hand.

RITCHIE WILLIAMS, Sec'y  
But Few Slackers.

In Trigg county 14 negroes and 18 white men have been placed in Class 1 for not reporting. Four of them are Gracey negroes. Of the 32 one is dead and several already in the army as volunteers.